

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy  
Public Board Meeting**

**Agenda  
April 15, 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ashby, D.	Commissioner		
Bouyoukas, E	Commissioner		
Evans, K.	Commissioner		
Fink, K.	Commissioner		
Geigher, P.	Commissioner		
Hardesty, J.	Commissioner/Treasurer		
Leikach, N.	Commissioner		
Morgan, K.	Commissioner/President		
Oliver, B	Commissioner		
Rusinko, K.	Commissioner/Secretary		
Singal, S.	Commissioner		
Yankellow, E.	Commissioner		
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel		
Felter, B.	Board Counsel		
Speights-Napata, D.	Executive Director		
Fields, E.	Deputy Director /Operations		
James, D.	Licensing Manager		
Leak, T.	Compliance Director		
Clark, B.	Legislative Liaison		
Chew, C.	Management Associate		

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I. Executive Committee Report(s)	A.) K. Morgan, Board President  B.)K. Rusinko, Secretary	Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda are advised to notify the Board at this time or when the issue is addressed in the agenda.  1. Call to Order  2. Sign-in Introduction and of meeting attendees – (Please indicate on sign-in sheet if you are requesting CE Units for attendance)  3. Distribution of Agenda and packet materials  4. Review and approve March 2020 Public Meeting Minutes																
II. A. Executive Director Report	D. Speights-Napata, Executive Director	1. New Board Member: Peggy Geigher 2. Staffing Update 3. Virtual Inspections																
B. New Business	K. Morgan, Board President	1.																
C. Operations	E. Fields, Deputy Director/ Operations	1. Procurement and Budget Updates a: March 2020 Financial Statements  2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates a: All staff computers have been setup to telework																
D. Licensing	E. Bouyoukas, Commissioner	<table><tr><td>License Type</td><td>New</td><td>Renewed</td><td>Reinstated</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>Distributor</td><td>12</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1,383</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacy</td><td>8</td><td>283</td><td>0</td><td>2,051</td></tr></table>	License Type	New	Renewed	Reinstated	Total	Distributor	12	0	0	1,383	Pharmacy	8	283	0	2,051	
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E. Compliance	T. Leak, Compliance Director	<div>1. Unit Updates</div> <div>2. Monthly Statistics</div> <div>Complaints &amp; Investigations:</div> <div>New Complaints - 42</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unprofessional Conduct – 3</li><li>Disciplinary Action in Another State – 6</li><li>Medication Error – 3</li><li>Refusal to Fill – 5</li><li>Customer Service – 2</li><li>Inspection Issues – 14</li><li>Unlicensed Personnel – 3</li></ul></div>																																				



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A. Practice Committee	Evans, K. Commissioner	<p>The 2008 version of USP &lt;797&gt; is the current official version. It was announced last week that the 2019 version was appealed and remanded back to the USP expert committee. Below you recommend following the environmental monitoring procedures based on the 2019 version. Is this a typo?</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (2019 question) Thank you for bringing this to our attention, we will make the corrections to our guidance.</li> <li>2. As stated in the Board's <a href="#">COVID-19 response document</a>, please refer any environmental sampling to USP</li> </ol> <p><b>Dani Elks – Morgan, Lewis &amp; Bockius LLP-</b> Does Maryland regulate the synchronization of prescription refill timing? I reviewed Title 12 of the Maryland Health Occupations Code, as well as Title 10, Subtitle 34 of the Maryland Regulations and was unable to find material that may apply to this practice. If there is statutory or regulatory authority governing this practice in Maryland, could you please direct me to it?</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> There is no Maryland law that specifically addresses this scenario.</p> <p><b>Whitney Snow – Bass Berry and Sims-</b> I would like to confirm that it is acceptable to send a computer generated fax in Maryland. Under the plan, a physician would key in prescription information into software that would generate a digital image of a prescription, including an electronic signature. Specifically, it would be a .TIF file. The .TIF file would be sent via RightFax to the pharmacy.</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> This is considered a faxed, written prescription and thus requires a handwritten signature or electronic handwritten signature in order to be considered a valid prescription.</p> <p><b>Tracey Batley – school nurse-</b> I am a school nurse in Maryland, and we recently had a question come up at work regarding the discard date the pharmacist puts on the prescription label versus the manufacturer's</p>	

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		<p>expiration date.</p> <p>If a medication is dispensed in its original packaging with an expiration date stamped by the manufacturer, but the pharmacy label affixed to the packaging by the pharmacist states a discard date of 1 year from dispense date, is the medication still safe to use until the manufacturer's expiration date? We have been reassured by several pharmacists that medications which have been stored/unopened in their original packaging (such as inhalers, epipens, diastat syringes, nebulizer ampules) are safe to use until the manufacturer's expiration date (regardless of the default 1 year discard date on the prescription label), but we have not been able to find an official code or guideline.</p> <p>As an example, I received a student's epipen to keep at school....the drug was dispensed 9/10/19 and the pharmacy assigned a discard date of 9/9/20. The expiration date stamped on the actual epipen is Feb. 2021. Can this medication be safely used until Feb 2021?</p> <p>The closest code we have found is 12-505 which discusses how the discard date on the pharmacy label is chosen, but it doesn't address whether the drug is still safe for use until its manufacturer's stamped expiration date. Is there a Maryland or Federal guideline which outlines the issue of manufacturer's expiration date versus pharmacist's discard date?</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maryland laws and regulations state that an expiration date must be listed on the prescription label (see Md. Code., Health Occ. § 12-505(b)(2)(i) and COMAR 10.34.23.08A(7)). Please refer to FDA guidelines on medication safety for further information.</li> <li>2. Whether to use the manufacturer's expiration date or pharmacy expiration date is a decision to be made by the school or school board. Please follow up with your school's counsel and school board to develop policies and guidance on this matter.</li> </ol> <p><b>Samantha Ray-2 – GenRx Pharmacy-</b> As a pharmacist, are you allowed to change to dose on a prescription without calling the prescriber as long as</p>	

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		<p>the intended strength is correct? For example, if the rx is written for 75mg, can the pharmacist dispense 1/2 tablets of the 150mg strength? Also, can you dispense already split tablets to a patient if the directions call for 1/2 of a tablet to be taken?</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> This practice is permissible provided that the patient is counseled about the dosage change. For controlled substances, please refer to DEA guidance for further information.</p> <p><b>Kristopher Gleason – Wegmans School of Pharmacy (NY)-</b> I am reaching out on behalf of Wegman’s School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College, located in Rochester, New York. The school is planning to add an online pathway to their Doctor of Pharmacy program and is concerned that doing so may impact a graduate’s ability to become a pharmacist licensed within this state. I am hoping you can assist me with the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will students completing the online pathway of an out-of-state, ACPE accredited pharmacy program be eligible to register as interns for the purposes of completing their internship within this state?</li> <li>2. Is there a specific deadline for when students should submit their internship registration applications?</li> <li>3. Can graduates of the online, out-of-state ACPE-accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program apply directly to this state for licensure, or are they required to first obtain a license in the University’s home state?</li> </ol> <p><b>Proposed response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes, your students may complete their clinical rotations in Maryland, but they would not be required to register as a pharmacy intern with the Board.</li> <li>2. No, there are no specific deadline due as they are not eligible. See response to question (#1)</li> <li>3. Yes, a student may apply directly to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy for licensure</li> </ol>	

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		<p><b>Sean N. Augustus- University Psychological Center/Recovery Network-</b>  I am contacting you concerning the prescribing of a schedule 2 drug protocols. I have researched your data base and found regulations the following:</p> <p>The Maryland Pharmacy Act, Sec. 12-506,</p> <p>(ii) In the pharmacist's professional judgment, the interruption of the therapy reasonably might produce an undesirable health consequence, be detrimental to the patient's welfare, or cause physical or mental discomfort;</p> <p>(c) State of emergency- If the federal or State government declares a state of emergency, a pharmacist working in the area declared an emergency may refill a prescription for a drug for which the refill has not been authorized if:</p> <p>(1) As a result of the emergency, the pharmacist is unable to obtain an authorization from the authorized prescriber;</p> <p>** (2) The refill of the prescription is not for a controlled dangerous substance;</p> <p>(3) The quantity dispensed does not exceed a 14-day supply or unit of use; and</p> <p>(4) The pharmacist notifies the authorized prescriber of the refill of the prescription within 7 days of dispensing the drug.</p> <p>I understand totally, yet some prescribers utilize schedule 2 medications for those suffering from mental health issues, and as we telework agencies may not have the capacity to utilize a system within their EMR for schedule 2 prescribing noting that there is often a cost associated with instituting such a system with some in upwards of over \$20,000. It is difficult to ask that a provider incur such a cost at this time.</p> <p>I am asking if there is a system in place in which a pharmacist will accept a phone authorization for a scheduled 2 medications especially for those who suffer from a chronic mental health condition. During this extreme period of time this could potentially exacerbate the condition or cause withdrawal which then leads to another issue possibly backlogging and already stretched to the brink hospital industry</p>	



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		<p><b>Proposed Response:</b> On March 27, the DEA issued guidance on easing certain requirements for orally prescribed schedule II substances. Because federal regulations govern this practice, the Board asks that you please refer to the <a href="#">DEA guidance</a> for further information on this issue.</p> <p><b>Tara Smith-Pharmacist-</b> I am a Maryland Pharmacist and I cover shifts with drug stores in the area. We are having an extremely hard time getting masks. I have to give immunizations and consult with people in the store, and work through windows that have no barriers. In light of the international health crisis COVID-19, and for the protection of myself, my patients and my household (whom I must return to after each shift), is there anywhere that I can get a few masks?</p> <p>My store and stores in my area are out consistently; I have asked them, my managers, reached out to the department of Health in MD, and they are working to get protective gear but we are expected to continue working. Some pharmacists call out sick and for those of us who cover for them, we must ensure our health safety as well.</p> <p>Please let me know where I can pick up some masks.</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> The shortage is a nationwide issue. There are no emergency supplies controlled by or accessible to the Board. However, if supplies become available and the Board is made aware, the Board will disseminate that information as it becomes available.</p> <p>Please refer to the most recent CDC guidelines on garbing, garbing conservation, and risk assessment of patients. If you are uncomfortable with your current situation we suggest that you contact your supervisor for further guidance.</p> <p><b>Mohammed Abdulwahhab –Ascension-</b> During the COVID-19 epidemic some drugs are currently under shortage. Ascension is looking to have drug transfers (if needed) between its facilities during emergency or critical low stocks that are not able to be obtained through the normal channels.</p> <p>Is it possible to distribute product between different facilities from a different state if that pharmacy is not licensed in the state of</p>	

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		<p>Maryland? Again, this is just for contingency in the event of inability to obtain product such as hydroxychloroquine.</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> This practice would constitute an intracompany transfer, which is exempt from wholesale distribution law in Maryland (see Md. Code, Health Occ. §12-6C-01(u)(2)(ix)).</p> <p><b>Jennifer Heyman – The Ohio State University-</b> Given the traveling restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic we are requesting permission to ship oral investigational medication from Ohio to our patients residing in Maryland. Our patients are often immunocompromised, fall into a high risk category and it would be detrimental to delay treatment. Our institution is not registered to ship medications to Maryland but we are hoping in this unprecedented situation you would be willing to grant us permission. We are happy to discuss via a phone call if necessary.</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> If there is no pharmacy involved, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy does not have jurisdiction over the transaction and thus does not require licensure or approval.</p> <p><b>Nicole Liu – Baltimore Medical System, Inc.-</b> Our Community Health Center has some displaced medical assistants, and the clinic is wanting to know if they can act as pharmacy clerks in our pharmacies during this crisis.</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> Provided that the MA is not performing duties that are restricted to the practice of pharmacy or of a pharmacy technician, then this would be permissible. In other words, the MAs in question would be permitted to function only as unlicensed personnel (see COMAR 10.34.21.05).</p> <p><b>Ryan Lichtenberg-The Giant Co-</b> We are seeking guidance on the hiring of Registered Pharmacists. Our third party background check company has alerted us that there will be a hold on some of the checks that are performed due to closures from COVID-19. We are able to verify any exclusions with the OIG or SAM sites internally, however some background check items may be delayed.</p>	

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		<p>What is the guidance from the Board of Pharmacy regarding background checks for pharmacists during the national emergency? Can we do FACIS checks in house then complete the rest of the background check once things level out and can be completed by our background check company?</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> The Maryland Pharmacy Act does not require background checks to be conducted on pharmacists. Any decision to perform background checks is at the discretion of the employer.</p> <p><b>Francisca Sarfo- Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital-</b> With this COVID-19, is it possible for Hospital Pharmacists to get a waiver to use technologies, such as FaceTime, etc to check Technician prepared medication, and to allow Pharmacy Techs to be present in the pharmacy without a Pharmacist, while the pharmacists use FaceTime to monitor the Technician? Can a registered nurse help the pharmacy technician without a pharmacists' presence or on FaceTime?</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> No, there is no waiver or other consideration available to allow pharmacists to supervise technicians' remotely. A pharmacist must be available and on the premises (see COMAR 10.34.34.03A(3) "A pharmacy technician may not be present in the pharmacy when the pharmacist is not physically available onsite.").</p> <p>Because the Board does not currently allow remote supervision of drug-handling, it would not be permissible to have a registered nurse to perform this function.</p> <p>Please note that this is an evolving situation and all pharmacy professionals should be sure to keep abreast of the latest updates from the governor's office and the federal government.</p> <p><b>Steve Zaczyk-Wegmans Pharmacy-</b>I'm writing to see if the below information has been discussed to <i>include</i> pharmacies in the definition of HCF or just explicitly allow pharmacist licensed in other states in good standing to do work on behalf of a Maryland pharmacy. Other states have done so such as Virginia, New York, and this week Massachusetts. This would be an important tool to keep in our back pocket for business continuation, especially for pharmacies without a huge presence in the state</p>	

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		<p>like Wegmans with our 8 stores throughout the state. Any information you can offer would be helpful.</p> <p><b>Executive Order by Governor Hogan:</b></p> <p>Pursuant to an <a href="#">Executive Order</a> issued by Governor Hogan on March 16, 2020, any pharmacist or pharmacy technician actively licensed in another state or with an expired license or registration issued by the Board may be able to work in a healthcare facility (the definition of which does NOT include a pharmacy) in Maryland under certain circumstances.</p> <p><b>Proposed Response:</b> At this time, the governor's order does not include pharmacies in the definition of Healthcare facilities; however, information is changing daily and we encourage all licensees to stay up-to-date on the latest information from the governor's office.</p>	
B. Licensing Committee	D. Ashby, Chair	<p><b>1. Review of Pharmacist Applications:</b></p> <p>a. <b>#121102</b> - Applicant is requesting an extension of his application until "mid-summer". The MPJE was passed and his NAPLEX was scheduled for 04/07/2020, which has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. <i>Committee's recommendation: Approve extension for nine months</i></p> <p>b. <b>#125009</b> - Applicant became licensed by the Illinois Board of Pharmacy 02/13/2008. Applicants work history is from the US Public Health Service – FDA. Does his work history meet the requirement of 520 hours practicing as a pharmacist? <i>Committee's recommendation: Approve</i></p> <p>c. <b>#121725</b> - Applicant is requesting an extension for her exam eligibility (NAPLEX) which expires 06/11/2020. She took and passed the MPJE on 09/21/2019, which expires 09/21/2020. Due to the</p>	

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		<p>COVID-19 virus the testing center cancelled her exam that was scheduled for 04/22/2020.  <b>Committee's recommendation: Approve extension of NAPLEX score and application for nine months</b></p> <p>d. <b>#120631</b> - Pharmacist is requesting an extension of the MD Reciprocity application. She was on maternity leave last year and did not get a chance to take the MPJE.  Pharmacist is also a member of the US Public Health Service which now requires members to compete clinical hours annually. She would like to get licensed in MD, so she can volunteer and complete her hours annually.  <b>Committee's recommendation: Approve extension for nine months</b></p> <p>e. <b>#122843</b> - Applicant is requesting approval to take the NAPLEX for the 6th time. Last attempt 02/04/2020, score 68. Previous attempt 09/25/2019, score 59  Other dates and scores not available.  <b>Committee's recommendation: Approve</b></p> <p>f. <b>R.O.</b> - Pharmacist R.O. is requesting waiver of the FPGEC requirement. He would like to reciprocate to Maryland. Pharmacist R.O. is a licensed and practicing pharmacist in DC since 2015. He is currently pursuing a nontraditional Pharm D from Howard University and will be graduating at the end of the year.  <b>Committee's recommendation: Deny</b></p> <p>g. <b>#124149</b> - Applicant is a foreign graduate and is requesting for acceptance of her intern hours</p>	

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		<p>prohibits a pharmacy from being owned by a prescriber (&gt;10). Co-owner is a licensed physician that owns 50% of the pharmacy.  <b>Committee's recommendation: Deny</b></p> <p><b>6. Review of Pharmacy Technicians Training Programs:</b>  <b>NONE</b></p> <p><b>7. Continuing Education:</b></p> <p>a. <b>PL</b> - Pharmacist Lee is requesting reconsideration of the denial of the program. Applying Functional Medicine in Clinical Practice  <b>Committee's recommendation: Deny, adequate documentation was not provided to the relation of pharmacy.</b></p> <p><b>8. New Business:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Avera McKennan Hospital &amp; University</b> - The pharmacy is not licensed in Maryland and would like to inquire about what options/exemptions are allowed so that they may provide for an uninterrupted supply of lifesaving medications to patients that reside in Maryland. As a part of the COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness plan, the pharmacy is being asked by another Specialty Pharmacy to be their contingent fulfillment site for their patients that are located in the state of Maryland. Is there an option to apply for a temporary non-resident pharmacy license?  <b>Committee's recommendation: Deny, there is not an option for a temporary pharmacy license. Pharmacy is welcome to apply.</b></p>	



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		<p>b. <b>MH</b> – M.H. is inquiring about registration for a freshman student who is not in her first year of pharmacy school. The student is in a 6-year program where she currently has a guaranteed spot in the school of pharmacy class of 2025 pending PCAT scores. M.H. would like to know how the student can get licensed to work in the inpatient pharmacy without having to work the hours required for a typical pharmacy technician. The student is enrolled full time in school and would not be able to complete the 160 hours of work experience.  <b>Committee's Recommendation:</b> <i>Will need to apply as a technician. Welcome to apply as a Student technician, then as an intern.</i></p> <p>c. <b>DT</b> - Pharmacist DT is an active pharmacist in the state of Maryland. He is up for renewal which includes his Vaccination registration. Due to COVID-19 the APhA annual conference has been canceled that he planned to attend to get his Immunization CEs and live CPR course. Pharmacist DT would like to know if it is possible that the Board can be “flexible” with completing the requirements until the pandemic is over?  <b>Committee's recommendation:</b> <i>Refer to the Board's website, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet under Licensing. Inform pharmacist immunization ce's are not required to be “live”.</i></p> <p>d. <b>SK</b> - Pharmacist SK CPR certification expires 06/2020 and would like to know how he can renew it, now that in person classes have been cancelled.  <b>Committee's recommendation:</b> <i>Refer to the Board's website. 2nd bullet under licensing.</i></p>	

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		<p>e. <b>EIE</b> - Pharmacist EIE will be moving to Maryland to start her PGY2 July 1<sup>st</sup>. Would like to know what the options are for working in MD as a resident this summer if she is unable to test. Specifically, is there a temporary license available?  <b>Committee's recommendation: There is no temporary license. Can apply by reciprocity.</b></p> <p>f. <b>KG</b> – Pharmacist KG Would like to know if the CE requirements are also going to be extended for 30 days in line with the Governor's order or does the CE requirements have to be completed by the original renewal date?  <b>Committee's recommendation: Can renew, live CE requirement can be waived.</b></p> <p>g. <b>MS</b> – Applicant MS is a Pharmacy Student and is requesting use of an unofficial transcript in lieu of submitting an affidavit for the Pharmacy Intern registration.  <b>Committee recommendation: Will accept email from school of pharmacy confirming enrollment and good standing</b></p> <p>h. <b>C Guay</b> - C Guay would like to know if her current students could sign up to be volunteers with MDRESPONDS, and if they were to assist under the supervision of a pharmacist, would they be able to count those hours as a part or all of their 160 hours required by the board?  The students experiential training placements have been cancelled.  <b>Committee recommendation: The regulations provide options on how the 160 hours are met and that will be a determination made by the program</b></p>	

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		<p>i. <b>EP</b> - A pharmacist is scheduled to start employment on 4/13/20. She currently has an active license and is practicing in North Carolina. She started the process to get a Maryland license earlier this week, but will be able to complete the law exam at this time since testing centers are closed. Is there a process that will allow her to start practicing in Maryland without an active Maryland license until the current COVID situation resolves?  <b>Committee recommendation: No, will need to complete the requirements for licensure in Maryland. Refer to the Executive Order from the Governor.</b></p> <p>j. <b>OH</b> - Requesting an extension to be able to continue as a Technician in training. He is unable to obtain fingerprinting for the required background check due to MD CJIS being closed.  <b>Committee recommendation: Approve 6-month Technician training program to be extended due to COVID-19</b></p> <p>k. <b>BTM</b> - Company would like to know If a COVID-19 outbreak were to occur within one of their warehouses licensed by the Board or if inventory is depleted due to high demand caused by COVID-19 and they are forced to temporarily close could they distribute from facilities not licensed in Maryland.  <b>Licensing Committee recommendation: Refer to Executive Order by the Governor</b></p> <p>l. <b>J Buck</b> - A license verification question was received by the Board via email on 02/10/2020, stating that she looked up a Pharmacist license on</p>	

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		<p>the MDBOP website and was wondering if the Board had a disclaimer stating that it is considered primary source verification. Would the Board want this statement added on the website licensing verification page?</p> <p><b><i>Committee recommendation: Do not add due to history of inconsistencies on verification page.</i></b></p> <p><b>m. NB</b> - The pharmacy would like a waiver to the non-resident permit licensing requirements to be able to ship medications into Maryland.</p> <p><b><i>Committee recommendation: Waiver denied. May apply to the Board.</i></b></p> <p><b>n. Cherokee Layson-Wolf</b> - Associate Dean of University of Maryland, Cherokee Layson-Wolf would like guidance as to the information to provide the Class of 2020 regarding cancellation of testing.</p> <p><b><i>Committee recommendation: Certain Pearson Vue sites have reopened testing centers.</i></b></p>	
<b>C. Public Relations Committee</b>	<b>E. Yankellow, Chair</b>	<b>Public Relations Committee Update:</b>	
<b>D. Disciplinary</b>	<b>J. Hardesty, Chair</b>	<b>Disciplinary Committee Update</b>	
<b>E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force</b>	<b>N. Leikach, Chair</b>	<b>Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update</b>	
<b>IV. Other Business &amp; FYI</b>	<b>K. Morgan, President</b>		
<b>V. Adjournment</b>	<b>K. Morgan, President</b>	<p><b>A. The Public Meeting was adjourned.</b></p> <p><b>B. K. Morgan convened a Closed Public Session to conduct a medical review committee evaluation of confidential applications.</b></p>	

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